

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Deanna Alexander, District 18

For Immediate Release June 6, 2014

Contact: Bill Zaferos, Public Information Manager

414/278-4230 or William.zaferos@milwaukeecountywi.gov

SUPERVISOR DEANNA ALEXANDER APPOINTED BY GOV. SCOTT WALKER TO MILWAUKEE CHILD WELFARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Milwaukee County Supervisor Deanna Alexander has been appointed to the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council by Gov. Scott Walker, it was announced today.

"I'm honored to represent Milwaukee County in this capacity," Alexander said. "We have a strict duty to protect our most vulnerable and I look forward to working with the Council to provide better opportunities to our children to grow up safe, secure and valued."

The Council recommends policies and plans for the improvement of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and submits its recommendations with respect to those policies and plans to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. According to the Department, the Council also recommends measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County, including outcome measures, and submits its recommendations with respect to those measures to the Department.

In addition, the Council recommends funding priorities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County.

Citizen Review Panels for Child Protective Services are groups of citizen-volunteers throughout the United States who are federally mandated to evaluate local and state child protection systems, according to the Department. The panels are required to submit an annual report to the federal children's bureau each year that outlines the panel's activities and make recommendations to the state child protective system to strengthen its services.

In a letter to Alexander, Walker said her knowledge and dedication would be an asset to the Council, and he looked forward to working with her to "find innovative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change" for children and families.

###